

Board of Commissioners

April 15, 2008 – 2:30 pm

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Courthouse Exterior Cleaning

Joseph Caldwell of Caldwell and Caldwell spoke to the commissioners about cleaning the mildew off of the outside of the courthouse. He stated that it would take about a week using high pressure water to clean the mildew off and then approximately another week to paint the exterior doors. Logsdon asked how long the cleaning would last. Caldwell stated that it would need to be done annually, but after this first year it will not take as long and can be done at about half the price. The first time it will be harder because the mildew has built up. It will be cleaned with a bleach solution and the bleach will slow the growth of new mildew and make it easier to clean next time. Maintenance Supervisor King stated that sand blasting was used last time it was done and it clogged up all of the drains. Logsdon made a motion to accept the bid of Caldwell and Caldwell for cleaning the exterior walls of the courthouse and painting the exterior doors for \$6,500, provided that all of the insurance and liability papers are in order. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Lueken discussed the Agreement to Defend, Hold Harmless, Indemnify and Insure. Caldwell agreed to sign the agreement and provide a certificate of insurance naming the county and the commissioners as additional insured.

Flooding in Courthouse Basement

Discussion was had with King on the flooding in the basement of the courthouse and leaking of the roof during the rains last week. King will be installing another sump pump in the basement and replacing the current one. King will also be working with Perdue to get estimates on replacing the flooring in the EMA office.

Lincoln Heritage Public Library Appointment

Sara Arnold, representing the Lincoln Heritage Public Library Board, asked the commissioners to appoint Ken Schaaf to serve as the representative from Carter Township. Schaaf would fill the seat vacated by Fred Walz who reached the sixteen year statutory limit for serving on the board. Gogel made a motion to appoint Ken Schaaf to the board. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Highway Report

Patcher - Painter reported that the Town of Dale purchased the Dura Patcher and he gave Shelton a check for half of the amount due, \$6,250. They will pay the balance in 2009. The money will be put back into the highway budget to offset the money taken out to pay for the new Total Patcher.

Stormwater Ordinance – Lueken asked Painter if the Town of Dale discussed adopting the Stormwater Ordinance. Painter stated they did not discuss it with him. Further discussion was had on the need for the ordinance.

CR 400 – Discussion was had on clearing the ditches at CR 400 N and Highland Road. Painter stated that they will be replacing a pipe under CR 400 and Don and Kevin Masterson have offered to clean the ditch. Painter, Lloyd and Sublett will need to work with them to make sure it is done at the correct elevation.

Bridge #184 Repair – Painter stated that they will start tearing out Bridge #184 next week. The highway department will build a small run-around to be used by the farmers only.

Schedule - Painter discussed the decision made by the Highway Department and the commissioners to move to 4 days per week, 10 hours per day. The department and office will be closed on Friday. This schedule will continue through the summer. Painter explained that the department will still work when there is an emergency and will still provide all of the necessary services. This schedule will save on the consumption of fuel. The highway department has already depleted half of their fuel budget for the year. Logsdon complimented Painter, Lloyd and their staff on making the necessary changes to save the county money.

Base Road Project – Lloyd asked the commissioners if they wanted to update the application for federal aid on the possible Base Road project. Updating the application does not mean that the project must be done, but the update is necessary if it is done and the county wants federal aid. Logsdon made a motion to have Lloyd update the application. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Lincoln Avenue – Discussion was had regarding Lincoln Avenue and the damage to the roads done by the increased traffic to the old pottery building. It was agreed that it needs to be repaired as soon as possible.

Engineer Report

CEDIT Plan – Lloyd presented the commissioners the proposed CEDIT plan for the year. Lloyd and Painter proposed changing the way resurfacing is done on CEDIT roads. In the past asphalt surfaced roads were resurfaced every 10 years. The new proposal is to chip and seal the asphalt surface every 5 years and then after 15 years, resurface with new asphalt. In calculation of the new plan, using just 7 roads, the county will save \$849,737 over the next 20 years.

Discussion was had on the proposed 2008 CEDIT Projects. Logsdon made a motion to approve the 2008 CEDIT Plan using the new chip and seal plan. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Legal Report

Common Wage Hearing - Lueken explained that there will need to be a Common Wage Hearing held on the first Thursday in May. He recommended appointing Larry Sigler, Anthony Bender, and Jerry Wilson to the Common Wage Board and Tom Litkenhus as the alternate. Gogel made a motion to make the appointments as recommended. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Ordinance Against Driving Through High Water – Lueken discussed the current laws on the books regarding disregarding traffic signs. Currently a small fine is imposed. An ordinance can be considered to

increase the fine amount. Perdue gave the commissioners copies of an ordinance he drafted using the Vanderburgh County ordinance as a guideline. Gogel stated that an ordinance would not have stopped the majority of the people who drove through the water. Gogel suggested chaining off roads that are most susceptible to flooding during a flash flood. Logsdon asked Lloyd, Painter and Perdue to find out the cost of erecting signs stating fine amounts for driving through high water. Ed Ingram of Richland questioned not being allowed to drive through six inches of water to get to his home. Rininger asked Shelton to check with other counties to see if there are any other ordinances in counties that border the river. Logsdon made a motion to table the discussion. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Resolution – Dean Bolin, representing Think Lincoln, presented a draft of a resolution to declare May 5, 2008 through September 31, 2010 the official Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration. Lueken will revise the draft and have at a later meeting.

Interlocal Agreement – Lueken stated that he contacted Kevin Patmore, the attorney for the Town of Santa Claus, to discuss the interlocal agreement and the roads which were annexed by the town. Patmore is preparing a new agreement.

Richland Incorporation – Lueken gave the commissioners copies of the relevant codes and a checklist regarding the incorporation of a town.

Luce Sewer

Ed Ingram, the commissioners’ appointee to the Luce Sewer Board, reported that a facilitator and an engineer from USI are working on a study of the area, the current proposed system and alternative systems. They have not yet reported on their findings. Ingram discussed his dissatisfaction with the currently proposed system.

Gum Ball Machine

G & C Vending wrote a letter asking to place two gum ball machines in the courthouse. Gogel made a motion to deny the request. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm.

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| Cindy Shelton, Auditor | |
